Petition by Magnesite Manufacturers Association against China

5294. SHRI S. MADHAVAN : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Magnesite Manufacturers Association of India has submitted a petition for taking action against China under the anti-dumping law for dumping burnt Magnesite at low prices; and

(b) if so, what action has been taken to prevent the dumping of dead/burnt Magnesite and save the indigenous industry ?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The petition submitted by the Magnesite Association of India does not contain required prima facie evidence of (a) dumping; (b) injury to the domestic industry; and (c) a causal link between dumped imports and the alleged injury for taking a decision on initiation of anti-dumping investigation. The Association has been advised in the matter and a decision on initiation of anti-dumping investigation will be taken if and when the association submits a petition containing prima facie evidence on dumping; injury and a causal link between the dumped imports and injury to the domestic industry.

Kuwaits interests in developing infrastructure in India

5295. SHRI SANJAY DALMIA : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Kuwait has evinced keen interest in developing infrastructure in India especially in constructions in express ways, free ways, generation of power etc.;

(b) whether any exploratory meeting was held with the visiting Kuwaiti delegation by the Federation of Indian Export Organisation regarding the matter; and

(c) if so, the details and conclusion thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The Federation of Indian Export Organisations organised a meeting on 11th April, 1994 with the 15 member high ranking technical multi disciplinary delegation from Kuwait led by H. E. Mr. Abdulmohsen Yousef Al-Huneif, Under Secretary, Ministry of Finance. In this meeting the Kuwaiti delegation, among other things, evinced considerable interest in the development of infrastructure in India, especially in the construction of expressways and freeways, generation and distribution of power and development of ports, etc. The Kuwaiti delegation was informed about the high return available on investment in development of infrastructure facilities in India. In their subsequent official discussions, the Kuwait side assured the possibility of participation of Kuwait Fund in financing any infrastructure project submitted to the Fund.

चावल का निर्यात

5296. **चौधरी हरमोहन सिंह** : क्या वाणिज्य मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि वर्ष 1991 के दौरान किए गए चावल के निर्यात की तुलना में गत दो वर्षों के दौरान चावल का निर्यात घटा है;